



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:59AM with a prayer from Member Roderick Kantamara.

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2023-038 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)

That members nominated Member Tristan Robertson as Chair of the meeting held 30 August 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara and Member Tristan Robertson

Councillors:

Councillor Jason Minor and Councillor Tommy Conway

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Jessica Kragh – Manager MacYouth, Shae Thompson – Council Services Coordinator, June Crabb – Governance Officer and calling in via Teams – Brian Robinson – Executive Manager People and Capabilities and Iryna Mustiats – Manager Children’s Services.

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager – Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Chairperson Neil Peterson and Member Norma Kelly, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, President Roxanne Kenny and Area Manager Stuart Millar.

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

MLLA2023-039 RESOLVED(Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)

That members

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Chairperson Neil Peterson, Member Norma Kelly, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny and Area Manager Stuart Millar.
- b) noted that due to medical reasons, Members Neil Peterson and Norma Kelly were unlikely to attend future Local Authority meetings;
- c) requested that MRC offer Neil Peterson and Norma Kelly the opportunity to resign their membership on the Local Authority; and
- d) named residents Roslyn Dixon and Frank Egglely as potential nominees should vacancies on the Authority be created.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

MLLA2023-040 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2023-041 RESOLVED(Audrey Turner/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Minutes of the Mt. Liebig Local Authority meeting held 10 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2023-042 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

MLLA2023-043 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That members did not raise any General Council Business matters to discuss at this point.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members raised the following matters for discussion at Non-Council Business:

- a) Housing

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2023-044 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

MLLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and closed action Senior ELC staff speak with community.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

There is currently \$44,470.77 unallocated funds available to spend on Community projects.

*\$27,100.00 is from the 2022/2023 NTG Project funding and must be spent by 30 June.
\$17,370.77 is Project funding that is yet to be spent.*

MLLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) received the 2022/2023 project funding from NTG of \$27,100.00, acknowledging that these funds must be spent by 30 June 2025;
- b) noted that \$17,370.77 may be at risk of being returned to NTG if not spent;
- c) noted completion and closed Project 2186 – Garden Shed at the Cemetery, returning the unspent funds of \$457.19 to unallocated funds; and
- d) noted and accepted the progress of their projects and kept open projects as follows:
 - 2182 – Solar lights at Sorry Camp, noting that the missing parts were in Kintore.
 - 2563 – Solar lights for Entrance Road and Airstrip Road, requesting for a third light to be installed where people wait for the plane and allocating an additional \$7,500.00.
- e) Allocated an additional \$10,000.00 and agreed to rename project 2189 – 4WD Trailer and enclosed generator.
- f) Created a new project Modular Stage and speakers, allocating \$5,000.00 for the purchase of the kit as recently ordered by the Areyonga LA.
- g) Added items to the wish list for Service Delivery to evaluate costs, timeframe and project feasibility:
 - Drop off bays for the Waste Management facility
 - Shade shelter, table and seating where people wait for the plane.

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

MLLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jason Minor)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary funds; and**
- b) approved to spend their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00 on a Christmas celebration, New Year festivity and Easter activities.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 MT LIEBIG LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Mt Liebig across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

MLLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

MLLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jason Minor)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 July 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

MLLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 July 2023.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

MLLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Audrey Turner)

That the Mount Liebig Local Authority received responses in regards to the matters raised as follows:

1. Outstations

Members were informed that funding was due to be rolled out and available for upgrades to homelands.

2. Federal Referendum.

Members were advised that the Voice Referendum voting date is the 14 October 2023 and that community were encouraged to vote. Members noted that Council supported the Yes campaign, that could see the Australian Constitution altered to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

MLLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted that no matters for Non-Council Business items was raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) noted that the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative will follow up with Housing on their lack of response to repairs.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:05 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 30 August 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 15 November 2023.